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ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY IN HONG KONG

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1. GROUP OF 18 INDOCHINA REFUGEES ARRIVED HONG KONG BY JUNK
ON MARCH 28 AND ANOTHER GROUP OF 55 ARRIVED MARCH 29 BY
BOAT. THEY REPORT THAT HONG KONG CAN EXPECT MORE ARRIVALS
IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. DURING MONTHS JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 THERE WERE NO
BOAT CASE ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG. THIS YEAR THERE WERE
TOTAL OF 38 IN JANUARY, 28 IN FEBRUARY AND 126 TO DATE
IN MARCH. IF GOOD SAILING WEATHER PREVAILS FOR NORTHERN
ROUTE, WE BELIEVE THAT HONG KONG WILL RECEIVE MORE BOAT
CASE ARRIVALS THIS YEAR THAN LAST (1,001).

3. ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM IS SERIOUS. SINGAPORE HOTEL WILL
NO LONGER ACCEPT INDOCHINA REFUGEES EXCEPT THOSE
IN TRANSIT STATUS PROCEEDING FROM OTHER AREA COUNTRIES.
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THERE IS LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE AT MAYFAIR AND MOVIELAND
HOTELS, BUT LATTER HOTEL ALSO USED ACCOMMODATE
STATELESS PERSONS FROM CHINA, SUCH AS WHITE RUSSIANS,
WHO COME TO HONG KONG FOR THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT.
IRC HOSTEL PROBABLY COULD ACCOMMODATE PERHAPS 30
REFUGEES WHEN CRUNCH COMES, BUT NUMBER WILL DEPEND
ON AMOUNT CHINA REFUGEES BEING HOUSED, FAMILY

COMPOSITION OF NEW COMERS, ETC.

4. ICEM IS REPORTING SITUATION TO UNHCR KUALA LUMPUR, STRESSING IT CANNOT LOCATE OTHER HOTEL SPACE AND ASKING FOR SOLUTION. ICEM MADE INFORMAL CONTACT WITH HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT (HKID), WHICH STATED THAT THE HONG KONG GOVT HAS NO SOLUTION AND COULD NOT FIND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ANY REGUGEE AT PRESENT TIME. HKID NOTED CARPENTER VISIT AND SAID THAT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITHOUT ANY POSITIVE OUTCOME. HKID AGREED THAT PROBLEM COULD BECOME CRITICAL AND WILL BEGIN TO EXPLORE SITUATION.

5. OUR UNDERLYING CONCERN, IF ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM REMAINS UNRESOLVED, COULD BE THAT HONG KONG GOVT ATTITUDE TOWARDS GRANTING FIRST ASYLUM, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY LIBERAL, COULD HARDEN SINCE HKG STILL HAS MASSIVE PROBLEM ACCOMMODATING ITS OWN POPULATION, INCLUDING BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL ARRIVALS FROM OTHER AREAS.
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